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The Sri Chitra State Council met in the Legislative Chamber at 11 of the clock with Sachivottama Sir C. P. Ramaswami Aiyar K. C. I. E., LL. D., Dewan-President in the Chair.

## MEMBERS SWORN.

The following members took the oath and signed the Rolls :

1. Mr. A. Gopala Menon (*Director of Public Instruction.*)
2. Mr. M. S. Doraswami Aiyangar (*Chief Engineer*)

## QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

*Illicit distilling of Arrack.*

54. ✱ **Mr. E. K. Kuriyppe** (*Parur, Kunnatnad and Muvattupuzha* cum *Devicolam*) : Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table :

(*a*) the range-war and date-war accounts of 1112 and 1113 of the cases detected in connection with illicit tapping of Palmyra, illicit distilling of arrack and unauthorised sales and of the amounts realised by way of fines and tree tax ; and

(*b*) the number of cases of illicit tapping detected in 1114 in the above ranges, the amount realised on account of all the above cases as well as the amounts realised by way of tree tax and showing further whether the above amounts are greater or less than the amounts realised in previous years ?

**Mr. M. K. Nilakanta Aiyar** (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : Time and labour involved in collecting the information is out of all proportion to its possible utility.

**Mr. T. Krishna Pillai** (*Kalkulam and Vilavankod* cum *Neyyattinkara*) : Sir, with respect to the answer furnished to this question, I wish to suggest that if questions could elicit only such answers it would be better to disallow those questions. Would not that procedure be better than furnishing such answers ?

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